

SPECIAL RECOMMENDATION (Page 41, Appendix I, Part 2, Report of Survey of Communications and Electronics by Terence J. Tully, Brig. General, U. S. Army, Retired. Prepared for Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government by the Task Force on Intelligence Activities.)

"That the President set up a special commission composed of technically qualified civil and military communications and electronics representatives, to survey and produce recommendations as to ways and means to insure the more effective utilization of all communications and electronics resources of the United States in the national interests in case of war or national emergency."

COMMENT

This is not a matter of primary concern to the Central Intelligence Agency. It is more directly that of the Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Defense.

However, insofar as it affects the CIA, it is our belief that the present practice of having ad hoc investigations of particular problems is more desirable than the establishment of a commission to provide continuous review. Additional echelons and high level reviewing committees should be established only when a definite need exists and then to solve specific problems or deficiencies. It is possible that the creation of an additional communications group would further complicate an already complex problem, and would duplicate and conflict with the responsibilities and activities of the Telecommunications Planning Committee, JCEC, and other working groups.

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